

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 20 and 21 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations of allowable claim 20 are incorporated into independent claim 10. Each of the remaining claims ultimately depends from independent claim 10.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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